

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

MATHEW BEARD,

Plaintiff,

v.

NEVADA DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS, et
al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:23-cv-01060-GMN-NJK

ORDER

This action began with a pro se civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a state prisoner. Plaintiff has submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 1.) Based on the financial information provided, the Court finds that Plaintiff is unable to prepay the full filing fee in this matter.

The Court entered a screening order on August 29, 2024. (ECF No. 10.) The screening order imposed a 90-day stay, and the Court entered a subsequent order in which the parties were assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator. (ECF Nos. 10, 13). The parties participated in a mediation conference, but they did not reach a settlement. (ECF No. 16.)

Plaintiff has filed a motion for default judgment. (ECF No. 9.) This case has been at the screening stage, and the Defendants have not yet been served. As part of this order the Court will direct the Office of the Attorney General to indicate whether it will accept service on behalf of the Defendants. Because the Defendants have not been served, they were not required to respond to any of Plaintiff's filing, and the motion for default judgment is premature. The Court denies the motion without prejudice.

For the foregoing reasons, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff shall not be required to pay an initial installment of the filing fee. In the event that this action is dismissed, the full filing fee must still be paid pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

1 2. Plaintiff is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without the
2 necessity of prepayment of any additional fees or costs or the giving of security therefor.

3 3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, the Nevada Department of Corrections will
4 forward payments from the account of **Mathew Beard, #1052281** to the Clerk of the
5 United States District Court, District of Nevada, 20% of the preceding month's deposits
6 (in months that the account exceeds \$10.00) until the full \$350 filing fee has been paid
7 for this action. The Clerk of the Court will send a copy of this order to the Finance Division
8 of the Clerk's Office. The Clerk will send a copy of this order to the attention of **Chief of**
9 **Inmate Services for the Nevada Department of Corrections** at
10 formapauperis@doc.nv.gov.

11 4. The Clerk of the Court shall electronically **SERVE** a copy of this order and
12 a copy of Plaintiff's first amended complaint (ECF No. 5) on the Office of the Attorney
13 General of the State of Nevada by adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to
14 the docket sheet. This does not indicate acceptance of service.

15 5. Service must be perfected within ninety (90) days from the date of this order
16 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

17 6. Subject to the findings of the screening order (ECF No. 10), within twenty-
18 one (21) days of the date of entry of this order, the Attorney General's Office shall file a
19 notice advising the Court and Plaintiff of: (a) the names of the defendants for whom it
20 accepts service; (b) the names of the defendants for whom it does not accept service,
21 and (c) the names of the defendants for whom it is filing the last-known-address
22 information under seal. As to any of the named defendants for whom the Attorney
23 General's Office cannot accept service, the Office shall file, under seal, but shall not serve
24 the inmate Plaintiff the last known address(es) of those defendant(s) for whom it has such
25 information. If the last known address of the defendant(s) is a post office box, the Attorney
26 General's Office shall attempt to obtain and provide the last known physical address(es).

27 7. If service cannot be accepted for any of the named defendant(s), Plaintiff
28 shall file a motion identifying the unserved defendant(s), requesting issuance of a

1 summons, and specifying a full name and address for the defendant(s). For the
2 defendant(s) as to which the Attorney General has not provided last-known-address
3 information, Plaintiff shall provide the full name and address for the defendant(s).

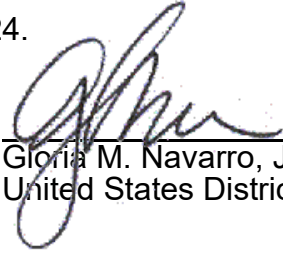
4 8. If the Attorney General accepts service of process for any named
5 defendant(s), such defendant(s) shall file and serve an answer or other response to the
6 first amended complaint (ECF No. 5) within sixty (60) days from the date of this order.

7 9. Plaintiff shall serve upon defendant(s) or, if an appearance has been
8 entered by counsel, upon their attorney(s), a copy of every pleading, motion or other
9 document submitted for consideration by the Court. If Plaintiff electronically files a
10 document with the Court's electronic-filing system, no certificate of service is required.
11 Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d)(1)(B); Nev. Loc. R. IC 4-1(b); Nev. Loc. R. 5-1. However, if Plaintiff
12 mails the document to the Court, Plaintiff shall include with the original document
13 submitted for filing a certificate stating the date that a true and correct copy of the
14 document was mailed to the defendants or counsel for the defendants. If counsel has
15 entered a notice of appearance, Plaintiff shall direct service to the individual attorney
16 named in the notice of appearance, at the physical or electronic address stated therein.
17 The Court may disregard any document received by a district judge or magistrate judge
18 which has not been filed with the Clerk, and any document received by a district judge,
19 magistrate judge, or the Clerk which fails to include a certificate showing proper service
20 when required.

21 10. Plaintiff's motion for default judgment (ECF No. 9) is DENIED without
22 prejudice.

23 11. This case is no longer stayed.

24 DATED THIS 20 day of November 2024.

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27 Gloria M. Navarro, Judge
28 United States District Court